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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Johnson et al.

Serial No.: 09/532,557

Group Art Unit: 2768

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Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: ELECTRONIC SOURCING SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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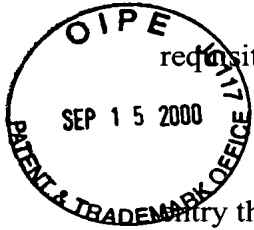
Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this statement in accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97-1.98. This statement is filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3), before examination of the application on the merits.

Copies of the references together with a listing on form PTO 1449 are submitted herewith.

Applicants also wish to bring the existence of another electronic catalog, the "Black Box" system, to the attention of the Examiner. Applicants do not possess any written information about this system; however, it is known that the system is capable of creating and manipulating purchase orders. The "Black Box" system is listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

Applicants further wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner, the Product Information System for Sales and Marketing ("PRISM" system) produced by MediaShare Corporation of Carlsbad, California. Applicants have included (and listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449) an excerpt from "A PRISM Electronic Catalog Proposal: Product Information System for Sales and Marketing," prepared for Fisher Scientific and presented by MediaShare Corporation on August 31, 1993. The PRISM system is capable of keyword searching and order building.



Applicants further wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the requisition/purchasing systems described in the above-referenced application at page 2.

Applicants respectfully solicit the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 12th day of September, 2000.

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